



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE
*SES SOLAR TWO PROJECT***

DOCKET No. 08-AFC-5

COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER

On October 8, 2008, the Application for Certification (AFC) was deemed data-adequate for the twelve-month review process consistent with Public Resources Code section 25540.6. The Committee conducted a public informational hearing on November 24, 2008, to discuss the schedule and other issues of concern. The attached Committee Schedule is based on Staff's proposed schedule, the Applicant's comments, and related discussion at the informational hearing.

The Committee Schedule contains a list of events that must occur to complete the certification process in twelve months. The schedule covers the period leading up to the Prehearing Conference. The balance of the schedule will be determined at the Prehearing Conference.

Several deadlines are contingent upon reviews to be conducted by federal, state, and local agencies. Applicant shall provide sufficient review time for the responsible agencies to meet the deadlines specified in the schedule.

Staff has identified cultural resources, land use, and visual resources as potential major issues. Additional issues of significance may arise as the case progresses. Given the potential for additional issues to arise, and the complexities involved in resolving issues, the parties are hereby advised that the schedule is an optimistic estimate of case development.

We may modify the schedule at any time upon either our own motion or that of a party. [Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 20, § 1709.7(c)]. The schedule requires periodic status reports to determine whether case development is progressing satisfactorily, and to bring potential schedule delays or other relevant matters to our attention. If Applicant does not provide

the necessary information by the dates set forth in the schedule, we shall adopt a performance approach that will result in a commensurate slip in the balance of the schedule.

Dated: December 3, 2008, at Sacramento, California.

Original Signed By: _____
JEFFREY D. BYRON
Commissioner and Presiding Member
SES Solar Two AFC Committee

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JACKALYNE PFANNENSTIEL
Chairman and Associate Member
SES Solar Two AFC Committee

COMMITTEE SCHEDULE*
FOR THE
SES SOLAR TWO PROJECT
(08-AFC-5)

<i>DATE</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>
Jun 30, 2008	Application for Certification (AFC) filed by project owner
Aug 13, 2008	AFC Deemed Data Inadequate
Oct 08, 2008	AFC Deemed Data Adequate
Oct 08, 2008	Energy Commission Committee assigned to oversee petition AFC process
Oct 10, 2008	BLM publishes NOI in FR (45-day scoping)
Nov 14, 2008	CEC/BLM staff files data requests (round 1)
Nov 17, 2008	CEC/BLM staff files Issues Identification Report
Nov 24, 2008	Informational hearing and site visit/BLM scoping meeting
Dec 08, 2008	Applicant provides data responses
Dec 18, 2008	Data response and issue resolution workshop
Jan 15, 2009	CEC/BLM Staff files data requests (round 2, if necessary)
Jan 15, 2009	BLM Notice of Availability (NOA) on PSA/DEIS to WO and ASLM (6-8 wks)
Jan 15, 2009	Status Report # 1 due
Feb 15, 2009	Applicant provides data responses (round 2, if necessary)
Feb 27, 2009	Local, state, and federal agency determinations
Feb 27, 2009	Data response and issue resolution workshop (round 2, if necessary)
Mar 05, 2009	PSA/DEIS filed (90-day comment period required)
Mar 05, 2009	Status Report #2 due
Mar 26, 2009	PSA Workshop/DEIS public mtgs
May 05, 2009	Status Report #3 due
Jun 05, 2009	Close BLM comment period
Jul 21, 2009	Local, state and federal agency final determination
Jul 23, 2009	Prepare responses to comments and prepare FSA/FEIS
Aug 07, 2009	Status Report # 4 due
Sep 01, 2009	NOA FEIS to WO and ASLM (6-8 wks)
Oct 01, 2009	NOA of FSA/FEIS in FR
Oct 01, 2009	Final Staff Assessment/FEIS filed

REVISED COMMITTEE SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

<i>DATE</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>
TBD	Prehearing/Evidentiary hearings start
TBD	Energy Commission Committee files proposed decision
TBD	Hearing on the proposed decision
TBD	BLM ROD (start 60-day federal review, 30-day protest, IBLA appeal)
TBD	Close of public comments on the proposed decision
TBD	Addendum/revised proposed decision
TBD	Commission Decision

TBD = to be determined

*BLM noticing requirements and the associated dates are indicated in Blue in the Committee Schedule.

BLM Schedule Acronyms:

ASLM - Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals
BLM - Bureau of Land Management
DEIS –Draft Environmental Impact Statement
FEIS - Final Environmental Impact Statement
FR - Federal Register
IBLA - United States Interior Board of Land Appeals
NOA - Notice of Availability
NOI - Notice of Intent
ROD - Record of Decision
WO - BLM Washington Office